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King, Mitterrand talks 'useful'

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AMMAN, THURSDAY-FRIDAY AUGUST 27-28, 1981 — SHAWWAL 27-28, 1401

PARIS, Aug. 26 (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein and President François Mitterrand held dinner talks tonight touching on all problems in

King Hussein Icft the Elysee presidential palace after two and a half hours with Mr. Mitterrand and

the Middle East.

said the talks were useful. "I am very happy with this meeting," he told reporters. "I was touched to have the occasion to

see your president. "We discussed all the problems of the Middle East. This was only a first encounter, however it proved useful and we hope it has been con-

King Hussein is in Paris for several days on a private visit. He is also expected to meet Foreign

Minister Claude Cheysson and Foreign Trade Minister Michel Jobert.
Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor

arrived in Paris this afternoon.

President Mitterrand deputised his information minister to meet Their Majesties at their arrival in Paris. Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem and the Jordanian Ambassador in Paris Taher Al Masri were also present at the airport.

The royal couple arrived at Orly airport from the Balearic Islands, Spain, where they had been on a private five-day visit as guests of the King Juan Carlos of Spain.

They were seen off at Palma de Majorca by King Juan Carlos and his wife, Queen Sofia, who were spending their summer holidays with their three children in the Mediterranean island.

Qadhafi revives talks on Libya-Syria merger

DAMASCUS, Aug. 26 (Agencies) — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi, on the third day of his first state visit to Syria since 1979, met separately with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Remarks by the Libyan leader published in Damascus newspapers today indicated the main aim of Col. Qadhafi's visit was to rally support against U.S. policy in the region and to revive merger plans with Syria that have languished since last winter.

Syria's state radio announced that Sept. 1, the anniversary of the overthrow of the monarchy in Libya 12 years ago, would be a national holiday. The date is also the anniversary of Col. Qadhafi's call for unity of Syria and Libya.

"We are now in a state of merger between the two countries," Col. Qadhafi was quoted as saying in the government daily Tishrin newspaper. "We shall make arrangements to continue the merger and confirm its exis-

Col. Qadhafi, backed by the broad support of the Arab World. continued to lash out against U.S. policy. In the statement quoted by Tishrin the Libyan leader referred to the "danger of the aggression the United States has deliberately perpetrated in the waters and skies of Libya."

U.S. and Libyan planes clashed over the Mediterranean near the Gulf of Sidra last week and the U.S. jets shot down two Sovietmade Libyan warplanes and Libya downed one American jetfighter. Meanwhile, Libya has said Pres-

Arab kids enjoy extended stay.

By Suzanne Zu'mut-Black Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Aug. 26 - While 21 children from six Arab countries have already left Jordan at the end of a 10-day stay at the invitation of Her Majesty Queen Noor, 12 other young visitors from Kuwait, Tunis and Morocco are still here either as a matter of choice or as force majeure.

The Tunisian and Moroccan children have to wait for the first available flight which are on Thursday and Saturday respectively, and they do not seem to mind it a bit, while the Kuwaitis had asked for an extension and will be leaving on Thursday.

"The children just jumped up and down and threw their arms around me when I gave them the thumbs up sign that the extension was approved," the Kuwaiti superviser Miss Rouhieh Al Ali told the Jordan Times. Abir, 11 year old, confirmed this but said that now she is ready to go back to Kuwait because she misses her parents and her two-year-old niece.

Mohammad, a 14-year-old Moroccan guest described the parting scenes of the last two days, "there isn't a single participant, young or old, who did not have tears in his or her eyes."

ident Reagan had admitted order-

ing the United States Sixth Fleet

to carry out "provocative and ter-

rorist manoeuvres within Libya's

territorial waters." In a letter to the Security Council, Libyan Foreign Affairs Chief Abdel-Ati Obeidi referred to statements by Mr. Reagan during a visit to the U.S. aircraft carrier Constellation last Thursday, the day after U.S. and Libyan jets

The United States does not recognise Libya's claims to the Gulf of Sidra and said the incident, in which two Libyan aircraft were shot down, occurred over international waters.

Mr. Obeidi stated: "He (Mr. Reagan) also admitted openly that he had issued orders to the units of the American Sixth Fleet to open fire on the two Libyan aircraft... while they were conducting routine surveillance operations within Libya's territorial waters

He said Mr. Reagan "admitted to have personally ordered the American Sixth Fleet to carry out these provocative and terrorist manoeuvres within Libya's territorial waters."

Voyager II disappoints scientists

PASADENA, California, Aug. 26 (R)—The Voyager II camera failed today, denying scientists vital pictures of Saturn, just as the American spacecraft made its closest approach to the planet, space programme officials said. (Related story on page 8)

Tehran grapples with Freemasonry

regime has outlawed Freemasoury, executed five people, and sentenced a supporter of late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi to 70 lashes in public, Tehran Radio reported today.

Radio in Shiraz, Iran's southern provincial capital, said an Islamic revolutionary court sentenced Iraj Keshtkar, head of the late Shah's Rastakhiz party in the town of Jahron, to five years in jail and 70 public lashes. He received 40 of the lashes yesterday.

Tehran Radio also reported

BEIRUT, Aug. 26 (A.P.) — Islamic revolutionary guards Ayatoliah Ruhollah Khomeini's raided secret hideouts of underground Mujahedeen-e-Khalq guerrillas in Qom and thwarted "terrorist plans to blow up" the Khomeini relief centre for the aid of the poor and the Islamic cooperation bank in the Iranian holy

> The official Pars news agency, meanwhile, said four members of the military-political branch of Mujahedeen and one member of the Marxist-Leninist Peykar opposition group were executed at daybreak in the town of Semnan. The legal ban on Freemasonry,

a secret fraternal order with an estimated six million followers in the world, came in two articles of a bill on "Reconstruction of the Manpower Resources of Govemment Ministries and Agencies" approved by the Majlis, in an open session yesterday, the state radio

One article made membership in Freemasoury organisations and subsidiary bodies a political crime both before and after the 1979 downfall of the monarchy, according to the boradcast. It did not

Wazzan urges Lebanese media to take it easy on war of words

BEIRUT, Ang. 26 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan has appealed to the Lebanese press to tone down its war of words to belp bring about national reconciliation.

He told a gathering of publishers and editors that the media should "avoid all means of attacks and exchange of insults that will raise tension," official sources said.

Rival factions finance newspapers and radio stations that have been used in a propaganda war which many Lebanese feel has helped worsen the country's divisions.

Mr. Wazzan's efforts to check the media snipers followed a recent campaign against him in the pro-Syrian press and persistent anti-Syrian propaganda from the right-wing Falangist Party.

The sources said Information Minister Michel Edde told the gathering the state did not want any blackout on news but he appealed for constructive The attempt to dampen the media war as well as

recent steps to improve the security situation in

Lebanon were among topics discussed today by the

Arab League Follow-up Committee on Lebanon, which was formed to find solutions to the Lebanese

A brief statement after the meeting, which was chaired by Lebanese President Elias Sarkis, said there would be another meeting on Saturday.

Mr. Sarkis has sent a message to South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Mohammad on Lebanon's call for an Arab summit to discuss last month's Israeli attacks on southern Lebanon and Beirut, official

Lebanon called for an emergency Arab summit meeting just after the Israeli attacks which ended with a ceasefire on July 24 after about 400 Lebanese and Palestinians were killed.

Several Arab countries have agreed in principle to the holding of the Arab summit, but no date has been set yet.

Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi has also reiterated the need to hold an Arab summit meeting to include discussion on South Lebanon, oil and the recent aerial battle between Libyan and U.S. aircraft over the Mediterranean.

Reject PLO participation

Sadat, Begin agree to revive stalled autonomy negotiations

ALEXANDRIA, Aug. 26 (Agencies) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin today agreed to resume the Palestinian autonomy negotiations next month after a pause of 14 months.

They told a press conference at forces in southern Lebanon a the end of a two-day summit the talks would restart on Sept. 23.

"We had two fruitful meetings sterday and today and the highlight of our talks was our agreement that we resume the talks for the full autonomy issue, which is the second part of Camp David, in the second half of September," President Sadat said.

He added that he had instructed. his Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali to solve any difficulties that had arisen in the process of normalising Egypt's relations with Israel.

Israeli officials have been complaining at the slow pace of nor-

Mr. Begin and Mr. Sadat admitted they had discussed the June 7 Israeli airstrike on the Iraqi nuclear reactor which came three days after their last summit, as well as Israel's aid raid on Palestinian camps in Beirut last month in which 300 civilians were killed. They refused to comment on this subject of discussion.

The Egyptian president called last month's ceasefire agreement between Israel and Palestinian

Begin says Libyans provoked U.S. jets

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 26 (A.P.) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin, returning from a summit meeting in Egypt, said today that he and President Anwar Sadat agreed that Libyan provocation was the cause of last week's dogfight between Libyan and American planes over the Mediterranean. "There was complete under-

standing and complete agreement. This was a provocation by Qadhafi," said Mr. Begin, referring to Libyan leader Col. Qadhafi. "He had no right to attack the American planes," Mr. Begin said. He called Col. Qadhafi "a very strange man."

But Mr. Begin said he did not believe from what Mr. Sadat told him that Egypt and Libya were on the verge of open hostilities, despite strained relations.

great achievement which should be built on.

But he said this did not mean he was advocating that Palestinians should join the autonomy negotiations now. "It is not to the benefit of the cause that they should join now," he said.

Mr. Begin said he would like the ceasefire on Israel's northern border to continue indefinitely but that this depended on the Palestinians not attacking Israel in any part of the world.

'Palestinians in Egyptian team welcome'

He said he would welcome Palestinian representatives in the autonomy talks as part of the Egyptian delegation. "We have to distinguish bet-

ween the Palestinian Arabs and the organisation that calls itself the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organisation)," he said.
"If the inhabitants of Judea and

Samaria (the Israeli names for occupied West Bank and the Gaza

Strip) wish to join the talks, we shall welcome them within the framework of the Egyptian delegation," Mr. Begin said. > Egypt suspended autonomy

talks in June 1980 to protest against a law passed in the Israeli Knesset (parliament) declaring Occupied Jerusalem the "eternal undivided capital of Israel."

But in the year of negotiations before the suspension, deep differences emerged between the two countries and almost no progress was achieved.

President Sadat denied he had broken off the talks but said he had proposed to Mr. Begin that they be suspended until after the U.S. presidential elections. The pause was then extended until after the Israeli general elections.

President Sadat said he had suggested that Israel and the Palestinians recognise each other simultaneously. "I know that my friend Premier

has been achieved in the ceasefire agreement is marvellous...and we should build on it." he said. "I don't consider the PLO the sole representative of the Pales-

Begin will differ with me on this

but this is my idea because what

tinians," Mr. Sadat added. Mr. Begin dismissed the possibility of PLO participation out of hand and charged that the PLO was a servant of the Soviet Union

in the Middle East. "This organisation is actually a servant of Moscow and is bent on Israel's destruction," he said. "In my opinion, it is not only possible, it is essential that we

reach agreement without this organisation." President Sadat said the Camp David process would not be affected by the final Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula

> next April. "What we have reached together is a full strategic agreement. Strategy means continuance," he said.

"There may be difficulties, problems that will stem here and there. But we have learned in the last four years that we can sit together despite the differences, even contradictions.

The resumption of the autonomy talks was expected to be the chief achievement of this 11th summit meeting between the two

Both sides are still far apart in their views on what brand of autonomy should be granted to the 1,200,000 West Bank and Gaza Palestinians. The Israelis have so far refused to offer the Palestinians more than minor local

Mr. Begin is scheduled to meet U.S. President Ronald Reagan in Washington early next month. The United States is sponsoring the autonomy talks under the Camp David accords that resulted in the Egyptian-Israeli treaty

PLO rules out role in autonomy talks

REIRUT, Aug. 26 (R) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said today that Egypt and Israel would not find Palestinians to participate in Palestinian autonomy negotiations.

PLO spokesman Majed Abu Sharar was commenting on an announcement in Alexandria today by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin that they had agreed to resume the negotiations next month after a pause of 14 months.

"The decision of Sadat and Begin to return to autonomy negotiations is an attempt to get out of the impasse reached by the Camp David accords,"

"We have full confidence that Begin and Sadat will not find today or tomorrow - as they have failed to find in the past - a Palestinian who would agree to deal with the enemies of his nation and

Qatari ruler hails French Mideast role

PARIS, Aug. 26 (Agencies) — France could play a "positive role" to bring about peace in the Middle East, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani, the ruler of Oatar. said today.

The Gulf head of state was talkng to reporters after discussions with President Francois Mitterrand on a Middle East peace plan proposed by Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Fand earlier this Middle East." month.

"We discussed the Saudi peace plan, which reflects the Arab Nation's attachment to the establishment of a just and lasting peace in accordance with international law and charters as well as the decisions of the United Nations,"

"Our discussions also covered the positive role which France could play to bring peace in the

the Ostari ruler said.

sidered staunchly pro-Israeli before his election, supports the U.S.-sponsored Camp David agreements between Egypt and Israel in contrast to the attitude of the previous presidency of Valery

Giscard d'Estaing. The new president is due to start an official visit to Saudi Arabia on Sept. 26 after having received King Khaled here in June.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

Explosive charge defused on MEA plane

BEIRUT, Aug. 26 (A.P.) — A smoking explosive charge was discovered aboard a Middle East Airlines plane when it landed at Libya's Tripoli airport yesterday morning, airport security sources here said today. Passengers on the plane included a delegation from Lebanon's leftist national movement. The sources, who declined to be identified, said 1.5 kilogrammes of TNT had been placed in the baggage compartment of the Boeing 707. When the plane taxied to a stop, an airport worker saw smoke coming out of the jet's baggage area and called for help. The sources said they believed the TNT was meant to explode while the plane was in the air. After the plane landed the change was defused, they added. No further information was available. Airline officials said they had no immediate comment on the incident. A spokesman for the National Front, a coalition of 16 leftist factions in Lebanon, denied a bomb was on the plane which was carrying lower-echelon officials of the front from Beirut to Tripoli. The independent Beirut newspaper An Nahar had reported the delegation was on its way to attend the Sept. 1 celebrations in Libya marking the 11th anniversary of the coup which brought Col. Musmmar Qadhafi to power.

Libya guarantees safety of U.S. residents

BEIRUT, Aug. 26 (R) — Americans living in Libya have been assured that they will be given the same the protection and security enjoyed by Libyan nationals. The Libyan news agency JANA said today that a statement to this effect was issued by the Libyan foreign liaison office (foreign ministry) last night. The statement condemned a call by the U.S. administration to American nationals to leave the country, which was issued after last week's air battle in which U.S. fighters shot down two Libyan aircraft. "The foreign liaison popular office wishes to affirm that the American community in the Libyan Arab Socialist Popular Jamahiriyah will continue to enjoy the protection and security enjoyed by all in the Jamahiriyah," the statement said. "The Libyan Arab people are keen to establish good and cordial relations with all peoples, including the people of the United States,"

Cheysson to visit Egypt and Israel

PARIS, Aug. 26 (R) — French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson will visit Egypt and Israel shortly, Presidential Secretary General Pierre Beregovoy said today. Mr. Cheysson is leaving Paris on Friday on his first visit to the Middle East as a minister in Socialist President François Mitterrand's administration. ration. He is due in Jordan on Friday, Lebanon on Saturday and Syria on Sunday. No dates have been given for Mr. Cheysson's visits to Egypt and Israel, but well-informed sources said these could take place before President Mitterrand goes to Saudi Arabia on an official visit on Sept. 26. At the weekly cabinet meeting, Mr. Mitterrand noted that "positive" peace moves were under way in the Middle East where diplomacy was preferable to war, Mr. Beregovoy said.

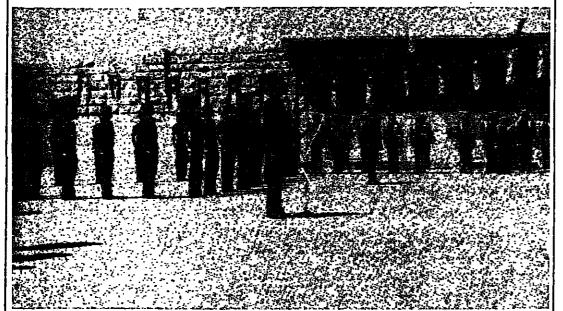
Moscow condemns F-15 deliveries

MOSCOW, Aug. 26 (R) — The Soviet Union has condemned the resumption of fighter aircraft deliveries to Israel by the United States, saying it showed the two-month suspension imposed by Washington had been meaningless. Commenting on the arrival of three F-15 fighter-bombers in Israel yesterday, the official TASS news agency said the new weaponry would encourage Israeli leaders to "toughen a policy of aggression and brigandage towards the Arabs." TASS said the quick resumption showed the only aims of the move had been to diminish world-wide criticism of Israel and "camouflage the role of the U.S. as chief organiser of armed terror in the Middle East."

Kuwaiti refinery blaze extinguished

KUWAIT, Aug. 26 (R) — Firemen today extinguished a Kuwaiti oil tank blaze which had raged for a week and closed one of the country's two main refineries, a government spokesman said. He said the emergency at the state-owned Kuwait National Petroleum Company's Shu'aybah refinery was now over. One person died in the blaze which started last Thursday and destroyed eight

57 new police officers graduate in Ramtha ceremony



RAMTHA, Aug. 26 (Petra) — Fifty-seven police cadets graduated at the Police Training Centre in Ramtha today. The assistant director of the Public Security Directorate, speaking at the ceremony, called on the graduates to work sincerely to preserve law and order, because this would increase production and prosperity in the country. Law and

order is the cornerstone of the existence of civilised peoples, he said. The director of the Police Training Centre also spoke to the graduates, calling on them to work as one team and with discipline. During the 17-week course, the cadets received lessons in police sciences, military training and civil defence and law courses.

Seminar stresses fit files

AMMAN, Aug. 26 (Petra) - Participants in a seminar on filing procedures organised by the Public Administration Institute have affirmed the significance of conscientious efforts to preserve pamphlets, bulletins and other publications and documents, and the proper use of archives.

At the end of their seminar today, the participants affirmed the need to keep the files of their various establishments secure and store them away from the effects of humidity and other climatic threats.

The participants also recommended the bolding of seminars, lectures and scientific symposia: for high-level managers in this field, and attention to the pos-sibility of microfilming documents

Traffic police class graduates

AMMAN, Aug. 26 (Petra) — A traffic police officers' class graduated this morning at the Royal Police Academy. Sixteen officers, including four from Saudi Arabia and the Sultanate of Oman, were in the class.

The participants received during the eight-week course theoretical and practical lessons in both the law of the road and how to deal with the public.

threatened with deterioration due

During the five-day seminar, the participants heard lectures on several subjects, including the significance of files in private and public life, and scientific methods of classification, numbering, indexing and filing.

Twenty-four employees of several government institutions and various industrial, commercial and financial companies participated in the symposium.

Ministry o.k.'s teacher travel

AMMAN, Aug. 26 (Petra) - The Ministry of Education today decided to permit teachers in government schools who are enrolled at Beirut Arab University to go to Beirut for examinations from Sept. 1 to Sept. 9.

The ministry has asked the teachers who want to attend the tests to submit applications for permission to leave to ministry offices in their areas.

Arab central bank Tunis meetings set

AMMAN, Aug. 26 (Petra) — Jordan will participate in the two-day meetings of the governors of Arab central banks which will begin in Tunis on Fri-

The Jordanian delegation will be headed by Central Bank Governor Mohammad Sa'id Nabulsi, and will leave for Tunis tomorrow.

Irbid electricity team flies to **USSR Saturday**

AMMAN, Aug. 26 (Petra) — A delegation representing the Irbid District electricity company will leave Amman for Moscow on

The delegation will be headed by the company's director general, Mr. Mohammad Arafah, and will stay in the Soviet Union for 10 days on an official visit. It will hold talks with the concerned Soviet authorities to expedite the export of Soviet material and equipment the company is buying for the Irbid District, rural electrification project.

SSC turns to housing

AMMAN, Aug. 26 (Petra) - The board of directors of the Social Security Corporation (SSC) has decided in principle to invest part of the SSC's financial reserves in collective housing projects to provide apartments at reasonable prices for limited income subscribers to the Social Security insurance scheme.

A spokesman for the cor-poration said that the SSC had contacted the Housing Corporation to reach an agreement with it to this effect. He said a meeting will be held between the two organisations soon to discuss arrangements for the housing pro-

FAO/WFP team visits projects in Mafraq

AMMAN, Aug. 26 (Petra) — A visiting delegation representing the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP) today visited the Dalil area in Mafraq Governorate, the Mafraq agriculture directorate, food storage warehouses and several other sites in the area.

The FAO/WFP team was briefed on the progress of work on current projects, and expressed their admiration for recent achievements in the area. They will visit the King Talal Dam and adjoining areas tomorrow.

The delegation arrived in Amman early this week for a week-long visit to Jordan to get acquainted with the accomplishments of the highlands development project being carried out with their organisation's

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Suheimat meets Dutch aviation aide

AMMAN, Aug. 26 (Petra) — Transport Minister Ali Subeir received at his office today the Dutch director general of Civil Aviation, who is currently visiting Jordan. During the meeting they exchanged views on relations between the two countries in the field of air transport. The meeting was attended by Director General of Civil Aviation Ghazi Rakan.

Public Security reshuffle

AMMAN, Aug. 26 (J.T.) — The director general of the Public Security Directorate, Maj. Gen. Mamoum Khalii, has decided to transfer several high-ranking Public Security officers to new posts. He has also decided to pension off 28 Public Security officers, including Maj. Gen. Kamal Qaqish, Brig. Gen. Zaki Al. Khasawnah, Col. Ahmad Qasem Al Talafhah, Col. Zaid Mohammad Al. Habashnah, and Lt. Col. Qasem Mohammad Al.

Yarmouk U. non-Jordanian quota

IRBID, Aug. 26 (Petra) — The Royal Committee for Yannonk University has decided to allocate five per cent of the seats for the academic year 1981-82 to non-Jordanian Arab, Muslim and foreign students. The step was taken to provide these students with the opportunity to get a university education, an announcement said,

Aviation statistics conference set

AMMAN, Aug. 26 (Petra) - The Civil Aviation Department have received an invitation from the International Civil Aviation Organisation to attend the seventh aviation statistics conference. scheduled to be held at the organisation's headquarters in Montreal early next month! During the two-week conference participants will discuss several topics related to modern methods of developing the function of statistics in civil aviation.

Labour students graduate

ZARQA, Aug. 26 (Petra) - Zarqa District's seventh labour affairs, class graduated here today. Eighteen participants from private institutions in the district participated in the 10-day course. The participants were lectured on labour and vocational organisation, industrial safety and labour legislation in Jordan and other Arab countries.

Karak committee shuts dirty shops

KARAK, Aug. 26 (Petra) — The Public Safety Committee in Karak Governorate has made a tour to various quarters of the city of Karak to inspect hygienic conditions. During the tour, the committee decided to close down eight poultry shops for failure to meet hygiene regulations. It also served warnings on several other poultry shops to abide by the required conditions.

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The Kettaneh and Beiruti families announce with deep sorrow the passing away of

ELIAS ANTON KETTANEH

of a heart attack on the morning of Wednesday, August 26, 1981. Funeral service will take place at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, August 27 at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, First Circle, Jabal Amman. Condolences will be accepted Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the home of the deceased, who is survived by his wife Selma, his daughter Ellen and his grandsom Haitham.

May his soul rest in peace

The family requests that instead of sending flowers, those wishing to express their condolences make donations to the St. Vincent Charitable Society.

Dr. Tal, UNICEF official discuss cooperation ideas

AMMAN, Aug. 26 (Petra) — Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tal today received United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Regional Director in Beirut Francois Raymond, who is currently visiting Jordan for talks with Jordanian officials on cooperation between Jordan

At the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Tal reviewed steps taken by the Ministry of Education to develop education in Jordan. He also explained the ministry's plans to introduce vocational training into scholastic curricula at all educational levels.

Dr. Tal pointed out that the Ministry of Education has actually begun the practical training in some 100 government schools. Plans have been drawn up for the gradually expansion of the programme to cover the rest of the preparatory schools within two years, he said. Dr. Tal added that the ministry is currently studying the possibility

of introducing the teaching of vocational skills to secondary schools,

and has already begun training in agricultural skills in two secondary Dr. Tal and Mr. Raymond also discussed the possibility of cooperation between UNICEF and the Jordanian Education Ministry.

RDANTIMES DAILY GUIDE

JORDAN TELEVISION FOR THURSDAY

	Koran
5:30	Children's programme
5: 510	Feature film
7:00	Programme preview
7:25 .	Local programme
	News in Arabic
	Arabic series
9:50 .	
	Arabic play
	News in Arabic
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CHANNEL 6

6:00 ,	French Programme
7:00	News in French
7:30	News in Hebrew
8:30	Comedy
9:10	Hagen
10:00	News in English
10:15	News in English Movie of the Week
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Local programme
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Local programme
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6:00 .	French Programme
7:00	News in French
7:30 .	News in Hebrew
8:30	Comedy
	Crown Court
	News in English
	Baretta

RADIO JORDAN 855 KHz, AM & 99 MHz, FOR THURSDAY

7:00 .	Sign on
7:01	Morning Show
7:30	News Bulletin
7:40	Morning Show
10:00	News Summary
10:03	Pop Session
11:00	Signing off
12:00	News Headlines
12:03	Pop Session
13:00	News Summary
13:03	Pop Session
14:00	News
14:10	Instrumentals

14:30 Morecambe and wise show Concert Hour 16:03 Instrumentals 16:30 Old Favourites 17:00 Melody Time Pop Session News Summary Jordan in History 18:30 Theatre 45 19:00 News Desk 19:30 ... Music **Evening Show** 21:00 Evening Show FOR FRIDAY

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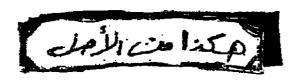
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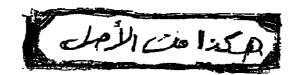
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own in the valley learn from the past

By Steve Ross Special to the Jordan Times

1AN - The hot, dry, forbidding landof the southern Ghor -- the lowest spot rth -- is now an area of intense agriculactivity. Farms, settlements and irrigschemes supported by the Jordan Valuthority (JVA) are bringing renewed the basin surrounding the lower end of ead Sea, and the population of the area wing. To plant this region, make it supigriculture and prolonged human setnt, requires a concerted effort and the ation of long-term planning and uity. But, this is not the first time it's lone. The current activity, "in our estin, would represent the third significant Itural development in the area," says 'alter Rast, co-director of an American cological expedition to the southern

theast region of the thor was a basin which r ancient agriculture, o Dr. Rast, and it was tploited during two antiquity - the Early e, roughly from 3200 and the Byzantine n the third to the sixth A.D. This intense ivity in the area does e might think, signify more welcoming in es. The southern Ghor been as dry, or nearly it is today, and the e the moderns, had to hir water. "There has itrigation," Dr. Rast

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and dig. He published the pottery he had found in 1945.

The first excavations at Bab Al Dhra' were conducted by the late Paul Lapp, beginning in 1965. "Lapp established a number of things," Dr. Rast, said, "and identified most of the major tombs." While Albright had been uncertain as to the nature of the site, Lapp was able to identify it as a large E.B. town in the tradition of such towns all over Syro-**Palestine** But after two excavation sea-

sons in 1965 and one in 1967, Lapp was prevented by death from continuing his work on the site. His widow, Mrs. Nancy Lapp, turned over the publication of Bab Al Dhra material to Dr. Rast, who is professor of Old Testament and Palestinian archaeology at o univers and Dr. Thomas Schaub, professor of Near Eastern religions at Indiana University of Pennsy-In 1973, Dr. Schaub and Dr.

Rast attempted to put the site into a context by surveying the southern Ghor. That survey, which was continued in 1977 by Dr. David McCreery (now director of the American Centre of Oriental Research in Amman), established a number of other sites with E.B. remains, Dr. Rast said: these included Numeira, approximately 15 kilometres south of Bab Al Dhra; Safi and Feifeh, both with large cemeteries from the earliest E.B. periods, and Khan Al Zir, at the very southern end of the sur-

The result of the 1973 survey was the conclusion that "the whole region is of significance for that (Early Bronze) period," Dr. Rast said — and this led to the current project, under the title of the Expedition to the Dead Sea Plain (EDSP). This is "a new expedition devoted to studying the region as a whole, with an interdisciplinary team," Dr. Rast said. The EDSP concentrates on the third millenium B.C., he said; "but someone ought to do the

Dr. Rast points out two distinguishing characteristics of the expedition: first, it is regional not confined to one or two sites and second, it draws on the expertise of specialists in many different areas, such as environmental sciences, resources study, pollen

analysis, botany, geology, osteology and technologies study.

The first phase -- during which the team worked in 1975, 1977, 1979 and 1981 at Bab Al Dhra' and Numeira -- is now completed, and the team plans to take a fouryear break to catch up and publish its materials. "We hope to begin the second phase in 1985," Dr. Rast said. In this phase they will do some more work on the first two sites and move on to Safi, Feifeh and Khan Al Zir.

The richness of Bab Al Dhra'

The Bab Al Dhra' town site, covering more than four hectares. is very rich in cultural remains, Dr. Rast said. The team has excavated at a number of places around the city wall and inside. In 1979 a gateway was discovered on the northeast side of the town, and in the latest season, another was found on the west. The town contains numerous well-built domestic structures from all periods, evidence of intensive occupation for a thousand years.

The domestic structures are built of excellently made mudbricks, often on stone foundations, Dr. Rast said. "Specialised buildings include two temples on top of each other at the southwest end of the site," he added: these come from the E.B. I and II periods.

"One of the major contributions of Bab Al Dhra' is that it gives such an excellent view of the development of populations," he said. The excavators have been able to trace the development of the people of Bab Al Dhra through several stages, beginning with a pastoral style of life during B.C.), during which the site was used for burial. In E.B. IB, around 3,100 B.C., a village was established, out of which grew a fullfledged town -- a "nucleated urban settlement' -- in the E.B.

Il period (around 3000 B.C.).
The E.B. Il town flowered for about the next 250 years, Dr. Rast said. Then, around 2750 B.C., it became a walled city in E.B. III. This lasted around 400 years.

Bab Al Dhra in E.B. III was surrounded by a sevenmetre-thick wall with gates, towers and sanctuaries. "During these 400 years, we picture a substantial walled city." Dr. Rast said, based on agriculture of a variety of irrigated crops." There is a large amount of barley, with wheat, grapes, pomegranates, dates, olives and chick peas also in evidence.

The city would have contained. around 600 to 1,000 people at a time, and the inhabitants generally survived to an age of about 45 or 50 years. This has been confirmed by extensive work at the cemetery: What Dr. Rast calls "a study of the city of the living from the city of the dead."

Then something happened to the E.B. III city. "About 2350 B.C., something calamitous -- an

there are also extensive remains. "invasion, an earthquake or climate "that period changes -- brings about the end of the city," Dr. Rast said. "Our preference is that some sort of assault took place." Then on top of the ruins of the city, extensive remains are found from the E.B. IV period. Dr. Rast's theory is that the people of E.B. IV are those responsible for the demise of the E.B. III city, after which the town reverted to an open collection of houses and a cult centre found in the 1981 digging season, on the

northern edge of the city. This was

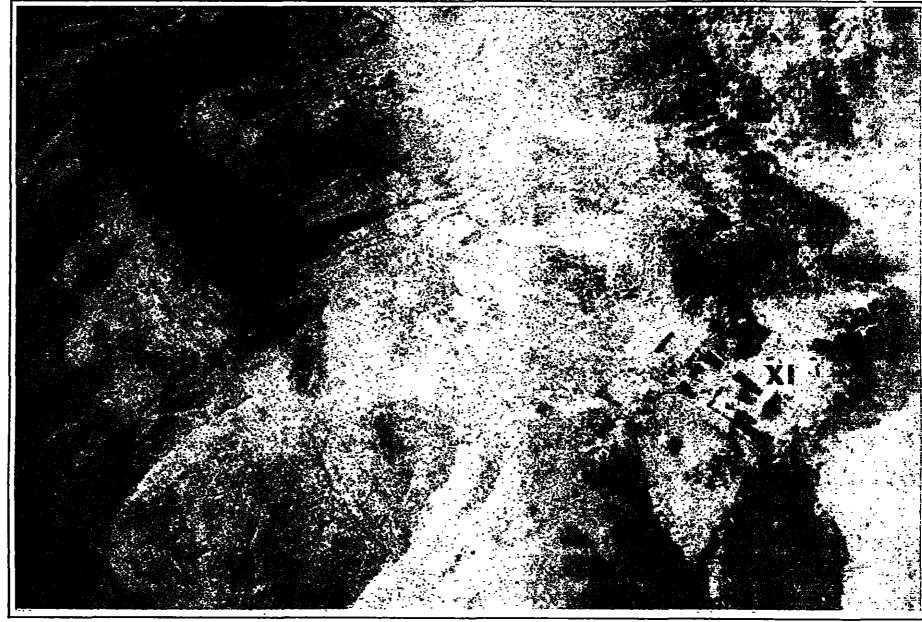
Remains now visible at Numeira cover about half a hectare, Dr. Rast said, but the northern end of the site has been washed away by the nearby Wadi Numeira. The expedition's geologist is studying the area to try to account for this - one theory is

Among the remains the excavators uncovered are many rooms, a street, evidence of the relation of structures to the town

that the wadi has shifted since the

time of occupation.





Aerial photo of the rugged Bab Al Dhra' mound

a well-plastered structure with several objects, including an incense burner.

Numeira-a 'masterpiece'

The smaller site of Numeira, discovered in 1973, is a "masterpiece of Early Bronze III occupation," Dr. Rast said. Occupied strictly in the E.B. III period. it may represent an effort on the part of the Bab Al Dhra' townspeople to colonise the southern area. Numeira, whose remains are unusually well preserved, was completely destroyed at the end of E.B. III, Dr. Rast said, and never resettled.

There is a good deal of burning. he said, "and consequently, unusually preserved cultural remains." There are floors full of seeds, textiles, tools and vessels of all kinds, giving a unique insight into the organisation of life during wall and an unusual tower system on the eastern end of the site. This, Dr. Rast said, probably was added for defensive purposes sometime during the occupation. Another fascinating find was that of the complete remains of two victims of the town's destruction - completely articulated skeletons. trapped under the toppled walls and burn material. Also discovered was another, earlier destruction level underneath the eastern tower, also containing the

remains of one human. Citing the value of Numeira as a "tremendous ecological laboratory of human survival and ingenuity," Dr. Rast said, "We are trying to interest donors in some sort of museum preservation project centred at Numeira, making available a place where people can learn about this place in which people have lived in antiquity and continue to live."

On efforts so far made in this regard, he said, "We have been trying to promote public interest for locals and expatriates to gain some appreciation of how rich the cultural inheritance of the land is.

"We have also tried to work closely with the developing industries, which should not work against archaeology or vice versa. The two need to work handin-hand in developing resources. "If there is new technological

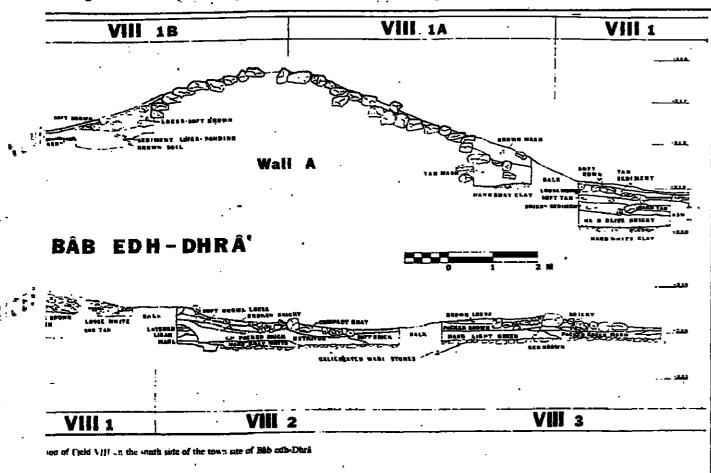
development and irrigation possibilities, it is of great value for people to realise that they are not the first."

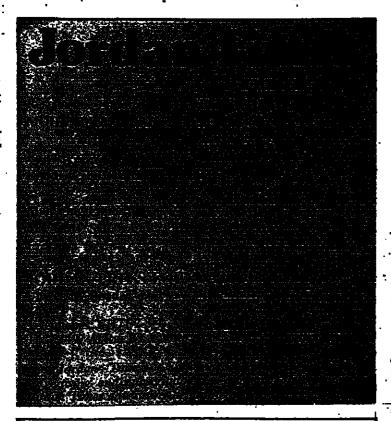
As one example of the value of the archaeological record for modern development, Dr. Rast cited the ecological lesson; "We know for certain that the E.B. III people particularly depleted the forests on the hills of the area," he said. "A vast amount of wood has been taken from both sites, and many of the species are no longer there."

The EDSP project, in cooperation with the Department of Antiquities, is supported by the U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities, National Geographic magazine, the Smithsonian Institution and private contributions. Some 70 scholars and experts from institutions all over the United States worked on the two digging sites this year.



Figurine from a tomb at Bab Al Dhra' (Photos courtesy of the ASOR annual)





ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: The 11th meeting between Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin began in Alexandria yesterday. It was, as in the past ten meetings, accompanied by a propaganda clamour emanating from Cairo, Tel Aviv and Washington about differences between the two men and about dangers threatening the future of Camp David.

For us not to fall victim of this traditional fabricated clamour, we must remember two basic facts which accompanied the Camp David process since it started four years ago.

The first fact is that when Sadat chose the path of separate peace with the Zionist enemy, he was actually announcing his absolute renouncement of the Palestinian people's interests and all Arab national interests. What Sadat and the Egyptian information media are saying on Sadat's concern about the Palestinian people now is a purely political manoeuvre.

The second fact is that since the beginning of the Camp David process, Begin was not unaware of the reality of Sadat's position. Begin knew that Sadat's manoeuvres vis-a-vis the Palestinians and the Arabs are not intended to deceive Israel but to deceive the Palestinians and the Arabs.

However, with the date of the last Israeli withdrawal from Sinai approaching, the Israeli prime minister can no longer endure to put up with these manoeuvres because time is not helping him. This time, it seems he is less prepared to hear Sadat talk about the PLO, Jerusalem or the Palestinian people. Consequently, Mr. Begin is more confident that Mr. Sadat will stop these manoeuvres in the face of Israel's serious hinting at obstructing the withdrawal from Sinai.

The most important question about the meeting between Begin and Sadat now is: How long will the Egyptian president be able to keep the fig leaf which he believes is hiding the shameful wrong path he is following? And will Begin force him, as he said two days ago, to make the choice between Israel on the one hand and the Palestinians and the Arabs on the other?

AL DUSTOUR: The talks between Mr. Sadat and Mr. Begin are not expected to materialise in practical decisions or steps helping to bridge the gap between the declared viewpoints of the two

However, all indications point out that the Alexandria summit will refer all the differences between the two sides to Washington since it is the bigger partner in the tripartite alliance to pass a judgment either in favour of Egypt or Israel.

If we believe that we hear and read, the most prominent point of the difference is the autonomy plan. Cairo sees no reason for expediting the resumption of the negotiations while Tel Aviv

While Egypt believes that the proposed autonomous administration should be given all political, military and economic powers in the occupied areas, Mr. Begin insists on applying the autonomy to the inhabitants while the land would remain that of Israel.

It seems that in slowing down the process of negotiations, Sadat wants to apply pressure to change the Israeli concept of autonomy by urging Begin to engage into dialogue with the PLO, with the aim of securing a mutual recognition between both the PLO and Israel. However, Israel is refusing this and is trying to exploit Mr. Sharon's meetings with the West Bank mayors as being the required dialogue. This is an exposed manoeuvre which the Jerusalem Post said it would not deceive Sadat or the Palestinians.

The contradictions between the Egyptian and Israeli stands will be naturally referred to Washington, and this will place the United States before a difficult choice. The U.S. administration, like previous administrations, will evidently support the Israeli position and will impose on Sadat yet another concession, thereby perpetuating his disappointment and his isolation in the Arab

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Lone Rangers shoud not be

ONE OF THE MAIN obstacles to management is the lack of teamwork and institutional

It is the case where one man likes to go if alone all the way and to gather in the process as . much credit and praise as he can. Such "Lone Rangers" come in different shapes and

There is the scared one who has climbed hierarchial ladder slowly and painstakingly until he reached the top. Such a man, with all the expertise that he could muster, may turn out to be routine-ridden and mindful of petty details. He does not believe in cooperation or decentralisation, and tends to memorise everything in safe storage somewhere in his brain. His basic skill lies in making everybody else feel inferior to him by using once in a while abusive terms.

Another type is the manager with a short-breathing forebearance. He wants to look dynamic, and thus overburdens everybody else around him with "mission" impossible" tasks. Once they fail, he himself gets disappointed, pours his jam of anger on people

around him and decides that he alone must do everything by himself. It may not be coincidental that the frequency of heart attacks among those is relatively high at rather young

A third type is the ultramodern manager who pretends to believe in decentralisation and in management with people and not through them. This hypocritical type usually ends holding all the threads in his hand by telling people that the price of democracy is high achievement. Should this high achievement fail to materialise, the manager applies severe punishment which effectively alienates people from working with him.

A fourth type is the mean, untrustworthy manager who believes that tolerance is weakness, and that keeping a distance from employees and other associates is the soundest way to run a firm or a department. This man tucks papers in his locked drawers, and allows nobody to meddle or sound an opinion.

This taxonomic treatment may drag on. Yet, the basic point that must be emphasised here, without sounding too academic, is that management has become a science, which only people with certain qual-

ifications can command. When we talk of huge sums to be spent on building so much in the coming four years in Jordan, we should also be aware ofour urgent need for new managers. The current system for producing managers is not quite reassuring. A new system should be superimposed in order to select and train a new breed of managers who can work under crisis.

The nagging manager who sees in constraints a cause for

not performing, rather than looking at problems as obstacles to surmount, is not the kind of person we now need. Such, new breed is not only wanted in the private sector. but in the public sector as well The availability of dedicated, modest, loyal and capable

By Jawad Ahmad

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"Even Superman is Clark Kent most of the time."

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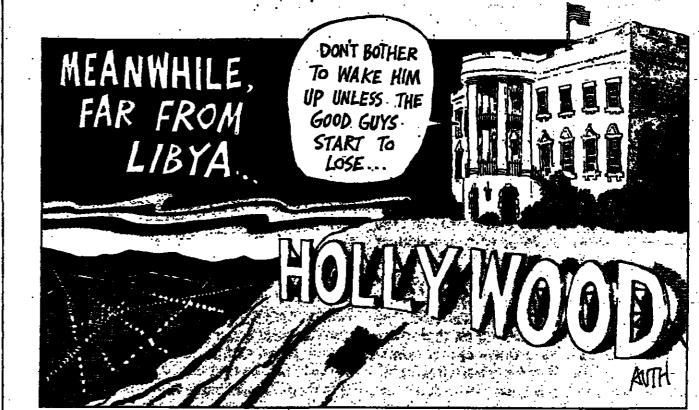
To the Editor

This is to let you know how much I have enjoyed your inspired headline "The Collected Worries of Gen. Prem," the Jordan Times,

Patently analogous to "The Collected Works of So-and-So," your headline conjures up the sombre image of Gen. Prem sedulously compiling, as it were, his choicest worries for the world's regalement.

Let's have more of such exquisite editorial humour as is evinced by your benignly gleeful infraction of the humdrum neutrality enjoined by the cult of objectivity!

> Dr. Joseph John Department of English Yarmouk University



Reagan finds no alternative to putting M.X. in Carter's 'racetrack'

By Jeffrey Antevil

WASHINGTON - The Reagan administration seems to be coming full circle on how the controversial M.X. missile can best be deployed to ensure its safety against any Soviet knockout

But at the latest discussion of the M.X. - short for missile experimental -- by the National Security Council last week, no decision was taken, according to

high presidential aides. During the 1980 election campaign, President Reagan criticised as cumbersome and costly a plan advocated by then President Jimmy Carter for foiling Soviet

targeters. The Carter idea was to shuttle 200 M.X. missiles on a track running between 4,600 specially built concrete shelters.

Mr. Reagan took office in January all but pledged to scrap. the 'racetrack' plan and to find some other way to secure the search for an alternative, proland-based missiles against increasingly accurate and pow-.erful Soviet rockets.

The quest for an alternative took on political overtones in recent months after residents of Utah and Nevada, the states in whose desert areas the vast racetrack project would be located, voiced public opposition. They were joined by their senators, among them key Reagan supporters.

But neither the president nor his aides had a specific alternative in mind last January.

Air force officials, recalling that past studies had eliminated every plan except the racetrack, have expressed concern that further delays may destroy the project.

Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, a leading critic of the Carter plan who is heading the

which were promised by July, have still not emerged.

Air force officials say it may be NEVADA M.X.Sites Area UTAH

deployment of M.X. scheduled for even with the original: Carter and other military leaders and 1986, would not be delayed by a plan and impossible with a new from key members of Congress,

mised early this year that the difficult to meet the 1986 date strong criticism from the air force

But his recommendations, scheme requiring extensive studies and hearings. Mr. Weinberger had one

alternative in mind when he took office: putting M.X. aboard barges or other ships which would steam around inland waterways and along the U.S. coastline. It took his advisers only a few

weeks to convince him the slowmoving ships would be sitting ducks for Soviet missiles.

Since then, Mr. Weinberger has appointed an expert panel, at the same time floating some new ideas of his own. These included a giant new cargo plane to carry M.X. and an entirely different and smaller missile, which could replace exis- the aftermath of the National So ting land-based and submarinelaunched versions.

Each idea in turn has drawn

who want to go ahead with the Multiple Protective Structure (M.P.S) plan, as the Cutts scheme is known technically. Secretary of State Alexands Haig, who often differs with the

defence secretary, also has pushes for the Carter plan, arguing the the military and diplomatic dra backs of switching far outwer

any domestic political benefits. Last month Mr. Weinberger experts returned with sharp divided recommendations, effect throwing the decision back in his lap, administration official

This was where matters stood i urity Council meeting, the said: Mr. Weinberger presented number of options but did not the his hand. Nor did the president.

France: A poetic foreign policy?

By Flora Lewis

PARIS - France's foreign minister, Claude Chevsson, has begun a dizzying series of trips around the world to introduce the new government's foreign policy. He is a sharp-tongued man, particularly bright, with convictions as rocky as his chin, and too much concern for candour and clarity to bother with diplomatic mumbles. In Central America and

North Africa, he explained his government's views as a "socialist foreign policy," already earning him arch criticism from French conservatives for speaking as though he didn't represent all of France. In a way, he doesn't. In

Algiers last week, he came out for giving immigrant workers the right to vote in French municipal elections. Sweden has already done this and some other European countries are thinking of it. But in France, where a high

proportion of immigrants are Algerians and their shabby treatment is a contentious issue with the Algerian government. foreign workers are definitely steerage class. The thought of their voting, though it was a Socialist campaign pledge, raises hackles of ferocity

among many voters and the government is unlikely to push for it soon.

Nonetheless, it was characteristic of Mr. Cheysson to say what he thought and to think in terms of social justice. That's the poetry in his foreign policy ideas and it comes through as a theme of allegiance to certain

From now on, French policy is likely to be easier to discern and to follow, without the game of subtle contradiction. that more traditional diplomats liked using to insulate facts from appearances. But the facts are stubborn. There have been some changes in emphasis and expression, and the shape and tone of France's future relations with the rest of the world are coming into view.

The main fact is that the assessment of basic French interest hasn't changed.

The Socialist government is a good deal more outspoken in denouncing Soviet expansionism and judging the Soviet military threat than its predecessor, but the policy itself is not different. There will be no return to NATO, no retreat from the maintenance of a fully independent nuclear force, no lack of support for new U.S. missiles in West Germany -but not in France.

The temptation for increased European trade protectionism, especially against Japan, is if anything, enhanced. While the need to solve the EEC's menacing budget and agricultural problems is appreciated, France will be as tough a negotiator as ever.

Even Middle East policy is only shifted in the rhythms, not the basic line. The Mitterrand government is more openly sympathetic to Israel but no less determined to get along as well as possible with the Arabs, except perhaps Libya. The decision has been made to complete delivery on all existing arms contracts, even to Libya, although handing over heavy helicopters and wellarmed patrol boats to Col. Muammer Qadhafi leaves a sour taste...

The immediate change is that the new French leaders wince openly when they admit they are sending him vedenes de Cherbourg. Those are fast gunboats of the type Gen. de Gaulle embargoed for Israel, and which the Israelis sneaked out of the port in a dash to claim what they had paid for in 1969.

In the future, there probably won't be more contracts for

There are likely to be less .

elaborate shenanigans in dealing with African leaders than on occasions in the past, but Mr. Cheysson makes clear that France's policy of support will be "firmer than ever" towards African friends and allies. That includes military intervention if requested.

The most noticeable evolution of French policy has been greatly heightened interest in Central America. Mr. Cheysson warns that it can be the next grave crisis area, as dangerous as the Middle East, if the United States stays on its present course of indulging right-wing militarists. But France is unlikely to do more than provide some economic aid for those it considers moderates, including Nicaragua, and to urge political negotiations.

One approach to foreign affairs is being dropped. It is the some-what pompous habit of launching spectacular, wordy initiatives on Third World problems. That will be left to the countries involved, but they'll get the same French support if suggestions are only whispered.

It adds up to a new, more accommodating style but it isn't another foreign policy, Socialist or no.

-- The New York Times.

ASEAN scepticism clouds China's new role

By Francis Daniel

SINGAPORE — China's longterm aims in South East Asia remain under a cloud of suspicion despite its latest diplomatic bid to cement relations with the non-

communist nations in the region. Chinese Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang, who made an official visit to the Philippines, Malaysia and Singapore recently found himself unable to stem strong criticism of China's continuing support for communist insurgents in the area.

Despite his expressions of friendship and goodwill Mr. Zhao was apparently unable to convince his hosts that China could develop an enduring relationship with them while maintaining its fraternal ties with the outlawed communist parties in their countries. The Chinese leader's visit to the

three countries - all members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) - was aimed at reassuring their governments of China's intentions and stiffen their resolve to rid Kampuchea of Soviet-backed Vietnamese forces.

Although Mr. Zhao claimed his trip yielded positive results ASEAN officials reported significant differences remained between ASEAN and Peking on the question of communist insurgencies in the region and an eventual Kampuchean political settlement.

But differences over Kampuchea were not as crucial as Chinese support for communist insurgencies in ASEAN, the officials said.

three-day visit to Manila where trade was the main focus, Mr. Zhao was told quite clearly in Malaysia and Singapore that Pek-

ing should give up any hope of communist parties gaining control of ASEAN countries. Moreover, Peking's attempt to distinguish its party-to-party support for the Markist insurgents from government-to-government

relations was not acceptable. Mr. Zhao was told. Malaysia, battling about 3,000 Malayan Communist Party (CPM) guerrillas along its jungle border with Thailand, was

severely critical. About 10,000 people were reported killed in the Malaysian Peninsula during the 12-year communist insurrection, actively supported by China, from 1948 to

Malaysian leaders expressed disappointment that Mr. Zhao failed to disown the CPM, which he claimed had relations with Peking long before ASEAN countries recognised China's communist government_

China's support for the CPM was nothing more than "political and moral" and ASEAN countries could deal with communist insurgents as they saw fit, Mr. Zhao argued.

Describing communist guerrillas as products of social conditions in various countries, he said China did not wish to export revolution.

But Malaysia's Foreign Minister Tan Sri Ghazali Shafie said his government could not accept explanations given by Mr. Zhao After a non-controversial for continuing relations between

Peking and the CPM.

Mr. Tan Sri Ghazali's comment was made in Jakarta where he briefed Indonesian leaders about Mr. Zhao's visit.

The Chinese leader did not visit Indonesia which suspended relations with Peking in 1967 after accusing China of involvement in

an abortive coup.

Mr. Zhao met a similar hardline attitude in Singapore on the third leg of his first regional tour.

Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew told Mr. Zhao at a welcoming banquet that the five ASEAN nations - Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines, Indonésia and Singapore -needed neither communism nor communist parties for the political and economic advancement of

their 250 million peoples. "Every ASEAN government is convinced that its own communists are threats only because of outside assistance and interference," he declared.

A senior Singapore official said there appeared to be a slight shift. in China's policies towards Marxist insurgents in the area, but this was not enough.

"It appears that you can't expect communist China tochange its spots so rapidly," he

Despite all the criticisms, Mr. Zhao told Thai leaders during a stopover in Bangkok on his flight home he was confident China's relations with the outside communist parties would not be an obstacle to maintaining and strengthening good relations with

He pointed to the joint efforts

of ASEAN and China to brie about a settlement in Kampuchi through the withdrawal of Vit

tnamese troops. China would endorse any ou come of a proposed U.N. supervised free election in Kan puchea, even if a non-communi government won power, h leclared.
But ASEAN officials said the

despite their common objective Peking and ASEAN were still fi apart on the question of disarmin all resistance groups, including it Chinese-backed Khmer Roug guerrillas, before the propose elections. Singapore leaders told M

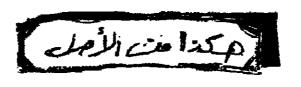
Zhao elections in Kampachi must be held in an atmosphe free of coercion. It was I ASEAN's intention to impose Khmer Rouge regime on i Indochina state.

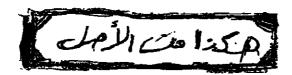
Mr. Zhao, saying it was to premature, refused to discu details of an eventual political se tlement.

And he left unclear wheth China had decided to drop threat to bleed Vietnam to 50 mission, although he promised normalise relations with Hanor soon as it pulled its troops out

Kampuchea. Vietnam's official newspape Nhan Dan, condemned Mr. Zh o's tour as an artempt by Peking incite ASEAN opposition Hanoi and Moscow.

Despite Mr. Zhao's promis China could not easily renoun its support of "rebellious Mag organisations" in ASEAN con tries, it declared.





Jordan's diverse lands...

By John E. Clarke

ALL began when I first flew , Altiman in late September of 15. Island just been hired by the ernational Union for Convation of Nature and Natural ources (IUCN) and the World ding and (WWF) to assist the lange vernment in developing wildlife conservation prog-

1 the process, during the four rs leved in Jordan, I would over (and photograph) the inating contrasts of terrain t exist in this ancient land. hree months previously I had ne to the end of several years' ice with the Zambian National ks and Wildlife Service. For in the conservation business. was a leap from the land of ity into an uncharted wilness ... from Zambia's vast ts of diverse habitats and ndance of wild creatures, to a i less than a seventh of its size with few visible signs of

ut perhaps an attraction lay in factional it had so little no life department, no reserves. e was an opportunity to be in ne beginning, to play a part in ting the formative years of ht hopefully develop into ng wildlife programme

had been assigned to work Jordan's Royal Society for Conservation of Nature No For the first two years, SCN concentrated its efforts stablishing a desert wildlife we south of the Azraq Oasis, ted some 75 kilometres east of nan. There, the RSCN built indangered species breeding.

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unit, which in 1978 was stocked course, other man-made factors to arose, I had travelled fairly exten-oryx reintroduced there in 1978 with gazelles and Arabian oryx, the latter a rare and endangered species no longer found in the

In 1977, meanwhile, the RSCN had signed a new agreement with IUCN/WWF, which was to pave the way for a comprehensive study of Jordan's wildlife needs. Out of it was to come a detailed plan that could be used to develop a nationwide programme of wildlife rehabilitation and management.

The plan was to comprise four parts: a policy statement, a wildlife law, a wildlife reserve system and the design of an agency to administer the programme. Much of the preparatory work of policy, law and administration took place behind desks, in offices at the Shoumari Wildlife Reserve near Azraq and in Amman. But planning the reserve system was another, more physically active task. It involved extensive ground examination, and that meant travel -- a journey that would lead us through the entire length and breadth of the land, looking for areas which could be developed as wildlife reserves.

The search began with certain basic premises: the reserves would have to fulfill certain standards. They were to include, as far as possible, the following criteria: samples of all the different habitat types found in Jordan; any unique natural features of particular interest, and representatives of all of Jordan's indigenous plant and animal species, or at least the habitat into which locally extirpated ones could be reintroduced.

In practice, if the first two criteria were met, the third would probably follow. There were, of

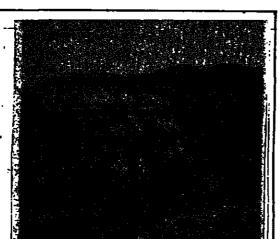
consider. Because the reserves were to be kept under strict control and conflict minimally with other forms of land use, we had to look for areas not in private ownership and which were free of permanent development such as roads, railroads, powerlines. canals, villages or established agriculture.

Our starting point was to find out what and where the different land types were. In this, we were helped by the work of a young American botany student from the University of Illinois who had visited Jordan in late 1976 with the express intention of preparing a land form study. His name was Michael Madany, and he later wrote up his findings in a thesis entitled an ecological framework for a nature preserve system in Jordan. His land classification provided us with a basis for our survey of potential wildlife reser-

Madany had divided Jordan into eight Land Regions, and some of these into two or more Land Districts. Regions were recognised largely by the homogeneity of climate within each. Districts were identified by their geology, soils, topography and plant cover.

The diversity of terrain in the relatively small country of Jordan is due to its unique location, straddling the quite distinct Mediterranean, Irano-Turanian and Saharo-Arabian vegetation types. This, in turn, derives largely. from the marked climate variation along the country's northwestsouthwest axis.

Extensive travel Before the rserve assignment



Type II: Escarpment

sively in Jordan. My earliest guide, began breeding, and were and colleague had been the released into the 5,500 acres of RSCN's director of conservation the reserve. Restocking of gazelle and hunting, Anton Bandak. and ostrich at the reserve is also Later, the warden of Shoumari under way. Wildlife Reserve, Ali Dowlat, had The remaining 10 reserves with come along on many desert jourthe existing wildlife in each and neys. The 1979 field trips, howthe indigenous species to be rein-

plant material for the university

RSCN from the Ministry of

Together, we had travelled

throughout the entire land of Jor-

dan, into the farthest reaches of

the desert, far from the paved

roads and well-worn tourist trails;

through deep gorges and along the

precipitous rift escarpment,

through forests and along sea

shores and river banks. All in all,

we covered a total of 140,000

At last the odyssey was com-

pleted. Writing and cartography began, and finally the report was

ready and dispatched to the prin-

ters. We had identified and

described the boundaries for 12

national wildlife reserves that

enclosed samples of all the

habitats in Jordan, plus the two

unique features that we thought

important: Azraq Oasis and

Zarqa Hot Springs. In total, they amounted to 4,363 square

kilometres, about 4.5 per cent of

Of the twelve reserves desig-

nated, two had already been estab-lished by the RSCN. One, the

Azraq Wetland Wildlife Reserve,

birds passing between Africa and Eurasia in the spring and fall.

Ornithologists have recorded

more than 300 different species.

of which about 70 breed in the

meadows of Azraq, and royal boar

Wildlife Reserve, a short distance

southwest of Azraq. The Arabian

The second is the Shoumari

are to be reintroduced.

Agriculture.

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the country.

ever, were the most crucial to our troduced, are: project, and on these I had one or Burqu: Has some gazelle. Wild ass, ostrich, wolf and cheetah to be both of two colleagues. One was Dr. Dawud Al Esawi, botanist at reintroduced. the University of Jordan, who was delighted in the expeditions. Our Zubiya: Has foxes, hedgehogs and travels to remote areas gave him other small animals. Fallow deer

the opportunity to collect new and wild boar to be reintroduced. herbarium. My second companion Rajil: Has some gazelle. Wild ass, was Mahar Abu Jafar, a forest ostrich, wolf, cheetah and Arabian engineer seconded to assist the oryx to be reintroduced.

> Mujib: Has some gazelle, ibex and wild boar; if protected, no need to restock.

Abu Rukbah: Has small animals. Gazelle to be reintroduced.

Bayir: Has some small animals. Gazelle, wild ass, ostrich, wolf, cheetah and Arabian oryx to be reintroduced.

Dana: Has some ibex and gazelle; if protected, no need to restock.

Jarba: Has small animals. Gazelle to be reintroduced.

Jabal Masadi: Has some gazelle and ibex; if protected, no need to

Rum: Has ibex. Arabian oryx and gazelle to be reintroduced.

As I look back on those days of travelling through the diverse lands of Jordan, I can still sense the drama of our wanderings. The long hauls across the wide expanse of desert, waiting and watching for is located at Azraq Oasis, and is a the next landmark to cut the borizon. Nights spent camping with noted stopover site for migrating the desert police, sipping tea beneath clear jet skies ablaze with stars. The warm and instant hospitality of the bedouin. The sheer wonder of the Great Rift that cuts area, and the oasis has been so deeply into the land, and so declared a wetland of inter- abruptly that a Mediterraneannational importance under the type forest can lie within 25 International Wetlands Con- kilometres of desert and one can vention. Feral horses also roam drive between the two in less than 50 minutes. through the pools and water

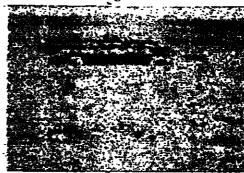
Far away as it may be in time and distance, it all remains quite clear in one man's memory.

(Jordan Magazine)

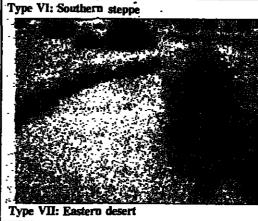




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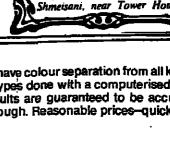
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In seesawing foreign exchanges

Dollar falls again

ZURICH, Aug. 26 (R) — The dollar fell against other currencies today, losing most of yesterday's gains, as worries about the Reagan administration's handling of the U.S. economy became a factor in nervous, seesawing foreign exchange markets.

The dollar closed in Zurich at 2.1510 Swiss francs, well below the previous 2.1770. Dealers said the decline was a reaction to easier dollar interest rates in Europe and to the dollar's sharp rise yesterday when it benefited from latest signs that there will be no early fall in U.S. interest rates.

The pound sterling also gained almost two cents to \$1.8435 in London from 1.8250 yesterday, while the French franc returned to 5.90 from 6.0037 and the West German mark to 2.47 from 2.5030 yesterday. At the Frankfurt midday fixing the Bundesbank sold \$37 million to help the mark's recovery.

One senior Zurich dealer said the dollar seemed less resilient at its

higher levels than it dld a few days ago.

Other dealers agreed that disappointing U.S. inflation figures for July have revived lingering doubts about the Reagan administration's ability, which has been a psychological factor boosting the dollar in recent months.

Nigeria cuts oil price by \$4

LAGOS, Aug. 26 (R) — Nigeria today announced a four-dollar cut in its oil price of \$40 a barrel citing conditions in the surplus-ridden

The announcement from the president's office said the official Nigerian price would remain \$40 a barrel, but the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) would from now on offer all customers a four-dollar discount.

The announcement said the discount would stay in force until the end of December when, following a scheduled OPEC meeting on December 10, it will be reviewed.

Nigeria is the first major producer in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to be compelled into a substantial price cut by the present glut in the world market.

It has been hit hardest by the glut, with sales down to just over 770,000 barrels a day from around two million in January.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. investments abroad up 14.3%...

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (R) - U.S. companies increased their foreign investments by 14.3 per cent last year compared with a 14.8 per cent rise in 1979, the commerce department said yes-

It said in a report that direct foreign holdings rose \$26.7 billion to \$213.5 billion in 1980.

About 75 per cent of the foreign holdings were in developed countries, which showed a 13.3 per cent increase, but investment in developing nations grew by 18.3 per cent.

Investment in Europe climbed 15.8 per cent to \$95.7 billion. The investment figures represent the book value of equity in foreign affiliates and outstanding loans to them. An affiliate, is defined as a firm in which a single U.S. investor owns 10 per cent of the voting stock.

...foreign investments in U.S. up 20.2%

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (A.P.) — The amount of foreign investments in the United States rose 20.2 per cent last year, down from the previous year, the government reported today.

In a report, the commerce department said the foreign direct investment position in the United States increased \$11 billion to \$65.5 billion at the end of last year. In comparison, foreign investments gained 28.2 per cent from

1978 to 1979, the report said. Sharp investment increases were recorded by businesses or

individuals in countries that are members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. OPEC investments surged 49.6 per cent last year to \$576 million up from the 5.2 per cent increase

Canadian investments in the United States rose 37.1 per cent in 1980 to \$9.8 billion up from the 15.8 per cent gains of 1978-79, the department said.

By industry, investments in finance rose the most, 40.9 per cent to \$4.8 billion in 1980. Investments in real estate were up 33.5 per

cent, down from the 56.8 per cent increase of the previous year, the government said.

India to construct \$98m cement plant

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (A.P.) — The International Finance Corporation (IFC), an affiliate of the World Bank, announced today that a \$98 million cement project will be constructed in

India.
The project at Kuamalla, Andhra Pradesh will be built by an established Indian fertiliser manufacturer Coromandel Fertilisers Limited (CFL), the IFC said.

Indian financial institutions, a group of public sector institutions led by the Industrial Development Bank of India are lending \$51.6 million for the project. The IFC, the World Bank affiliate that promotes the growth of productive private enterprises in developing countries, is lending \$15.9 million.

Internally generated funds, public deposits and short-term borrowing, a small government grant and contingent financing complete the financial plan.

IFC said the one million metric tons-a-year plant will be based on the latest dry process technology will be one of the first of its type operating in India. Production is expected to reduce India's growing reliance on imported cement and will result in estimated foreign exchange savings of \$50 to \$60 million a year.

IFC said Coromandel is majority Indian owned and its shares are widely held by institutional and individual Indian investors.

Kuwait leads \$25m Swedish bond issue

KUWAIT, Aug. 26 (A.P.) — The Kuwait International Investment Company (KIIC) is leading a seven million dinar (\$25 million) bond issue in favour of the Swedish Bank of Exports, a KIIC statement reported today.

The five-year bond issue carries a coupon of 10 per cent which, according to the statement, could reach 11.5 per cent depending on market conditions.

Exports surge boosts Japanese economy

By Jonathan Thatcher

TOKYO, - Japan's enviable economic strength is certain to continue over the next six months but will be primarily based on export performance rather than domestic growth.

Economic growth in the April-June quarter of this year was at an annual rate of six per cent, according to a recent estimate, far higher than most nations can expect. The United States gross national product fell at a 2.4 per cent annual rate in the same period.

However, the substantial boost for the Japanese economy resulted mostly from a continued surge in exports and falling imports, in particular of oil.

Lack of attention to slow domestic growth was the main thrust of a government white paper on the economy published earlier this month.

The effects of the slow growth and an easing off in domestic consumption have been serious in some sectors of the economy. While a number of major

intense pressure to follow.

far from any sign of recession, that is very much the prospect for some of its industries.

economic indicators show Japan is

The oil refining and importing industry is the most prominent of those in serious difficulty. Other such industries are petrochemicals, pulp, metals and chemicals, which almost completely rely on imports for their raw materials.

The plight of the oil industry, ironically, comes from the success of the government's programme to reduce oil demand, and has been exacerbated by the decline of the Japanese yen against the dol-

The picture is similar in some, other industries which over the past decade or so boosted their production capacity to meet the boom in the Japanese economy

only to find that their plants are made imports, in particular from now too big.

All these industries importing raw materials have found life more difficult as the yen has lost since last January against the dollar, in which oil is priced.

erial, has risen in August alone by more than five per cent because of the yen's weakness.

have found that last year's 50 per

the United States, a far more attractive buy for users of the

To counter this trend the govalmost 15 per cent of its value ernment has been looking hard at ways of helping these industries which it sees as being of strategic necessity in a country which must rely so much on its income from the processing of raw materials.

However, the government has proposed few concrete answers as Japanese aluminium producers yet for such industries, for example the oil companies which comcent hike in electricity charges has bined could lose as much as 1,000 billion yen (\$4.35 billion) this

The dilemma facing the government is that it is also much concerned with limiting its own spending, which could increase quite substantially if it came to the rescue of some industries. Where imports are the problem curbs would be politically almost try. impossible.

The government has longstated that its prime policy is keeping down inflation, in which it has so far been successful in achieving a single-figure rate of price rises.

If it boosts its own spending it in this because high U.S. interest rates substantially detract from

the value of government bonds in the eyes of investors.

At the same time it is in no position to lower interest rates while U.S. rates are at their current level around 20 per cent, if excessive outflows of capital are to be avoided, even though such a move would stimulate domestic indus-

Because of the dollar's strength, the authorities here are probably closer to being forced to raise interest rates slightly.

Japanese industrial leaders are already pushing for the government to come up with some will have to raise more funds measures to alleviate their probthrough local money markets. It is lems but to date it seems unlikely already having extreme difficulty anything drastic can be expected.

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, Aug. 26 (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

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-U.S. dollar

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Danish crowns U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, Aug. 26 (R) - Share prices moved generally firmer in quiet trading as the market reacted to losses yesterday and the steadier trend on Wall Street, dealers said. At 1500 the F.T. index was un 7.4 at 556.5, inflated by index constituent Blue Circle, up 36p at 524p following better than expected results.

Industrial leaders gained between 2p and 5p as in Guest Keen, ICI, Glaxo and Unilever. Electricals were firm, with gains of 10p

apiece in GEC and Thom. Gold shares closed up to 250 cents firmer following the rally in

the bullion price. Government bonds ended with gains of up to % point in medium and long maturities, but trading was slow, dealers said. The firmer trend represented small buying at the lower levels and improved sentiment following the steadier tone in New York bonds, they added.

Banks were generally between 2p and 5p firmer, with Midland up 19p at 340p following U.S. Federal Reserve approval for the acquisition of Crocker National Bank. Associated Dairies closed up a net 6p following improved profits, while Johnson Matthey was a net 5p higher at 290 after first quarter results.

Oils added between a penny and 4p, although International Thomson eased 5p at 272p after interim figures,

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Crude oil prices weaken on spot market

ROTTERDAM, Aug. 26 (R) — Crude oil prices weakened on the Rotterdam spot market this week following OPEC's failure to reunify its pricing structure and despite a promised 10 per cent cut in Saudi Arabian production, market sources reported.

Saudi light crude was quoted 40 U.S. cents below the official Saudi rate of \$32 a barrel on the spot market, which trades in the small volume of crude not sold under long-term contract but is the oil industry price barometer. Spot Saudi light was quoted between \$32 and 32.25 last week before OPEC (the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries)

hit deadlock at its Geneva meeting last Friday. Traders said today they thought Saudi Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani was right to predict, after the abortive OPEC meeting, that a planned September reduction of one million barrels per day (b/d) in Saudi output would not end the present glut of oil. He also said the glut would force down some OPEC contract prices after the 13 exporters failed to agree on a deal under which Saudi quotes would have risen, from \$32 to 34 a barrel, in return for reductions by others

now charging up to \$40. Rotterdam operators said today they thought spot Saudi light might decline further. But market analysts say they do not expect Saudi Arabia to lower its 32-dollar official price, adding it would

probably make new output cuts to defend it if it were threatened. They say OPEC price cuts are likely to start in Nigeria. It charges \$40 and has been hit hard by the glut with sales down to below 40 per cent of January levels. If Nigeria cut its price other African producers of similar quality crudes such as Algeria and Libya would be under

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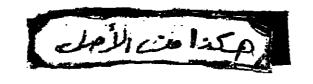
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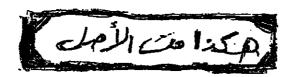
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w controversy at chess championship

RANO, Italy (A.P.) - Soviet chnoi met in their first world s officials and Victor Kor-'il are embroiled in a new conersy over the flag the exiled dmaster is going to use in the ld championship match ast title-holder Anatoly Karorganisers reported yes-

orchnoi who left the Soviet m in the early 70's and who settled in Switzerland, has Italian organisers he will use Swiss flag during the comon beginning in this resort in hem Italy Oct. 1.

viet officials countered that hnoi was a "flagless" player hat they will oppose his use of iwiss colours, the organisers

e Soviet opposition was suc-

championship final in 1978, which the young Soviet grandmaster won by a narrow margin. "This time, however, we are not giving up about the flag," said Walter Brodbeck, a Swiss lawyer who is a member of Korchnor's party and who travelled here to settle details for the match.

'Swiss laws provide that a chess player can use the national flag once he has lived in the country for one year, and Korchnoi did," the lawyer said.

The latest controversy in a running battle between Korchnoi and Soviet chess officials was expected to be mediated by Friedrick Olafsson, president of the International Chess Federation, during a meeting of the two delegations Sept. 29.

lia, Japan lead at hockey meet

OTO, Japan, Aug. 26 (A.P.) - India and Japan maintained the I in the six-nation Asian women's field hockey championship ay, winning their third games with no losses.

orward Balwinder Kaur Bhatia and Flurk Wangotri Bhandari red one goal each to help India beat Singapore 2-1. India led 1-0

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, AUG. 27, 1981

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Avoid an argument and on't walk or drive carelessly early in the day. Good spects are in effect later and you can accomplish a great al. Follow your hunches at this time.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Don't take the bait if a foe ies to argue about unimportant matters. You can exess your skills now in a creative way.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You have some clever ays of getting home conditions improved, so put them in

peration without delay. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Discuss new ideas with usted allies and gain their support and advice. Express sur talents in a positive manner.

MOON CHILDREN June 22 to July 21) A good time seize an opportunity that will provide you with more sundance in the days ahead.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Go after personal aims in a ost direct way for best results. Plan time to improve bur health and appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study a new plan that has eat possibilities, since you are thinking along expansive ies. Engage in your favorite hobby tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Know what your personal als are and go after them in a positive manner. Enjoy e company of good friends tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be sure to observe every le and regulation that applies to you today, otherwise u could get into a lot of trouble.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Handle any pressg affairs early in the day so that you have more time for easant activities later. Be logical.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Make sure you finish gular duties before seeking entertainment. Show more

thusiasm when handling duties. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Don't argue with a mpous individual in the morning and then later you can

me to a fine understanding. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Handle an irksome duty rly in the day and then you can engage in new interests

at will perk up your spirit. IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she will so dynamic that a firm restraint may have to be used, tile showing affection at the same time. Be sure to comment when good work is done. Don't neglect ethical uning. Sports are a must here.

'The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, AUG. 28, 1981

ENERAL TENDENCIES: Today you find that those positions of influence are in an amiable mood and are ing to go out of their way to be helpful. A good time to ce plans for the days ahead.

RIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You can easily express your tive talents and can take small risks with good sucs following. Relax at home tonight.

/AURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Improve the conditions and around your home. A new interest can bring ater success and happiness.

EMINI (May 21 to June 21) Proper communications n others can bring the cooperation you need at this e. Make appointments with key persons.

IOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Try new ways ncrease your income so that you can keep up with the ng cost of living. Be alert.

EO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Making plans for the weeks ad is wise now. Enjoy romance quietly with the one love. Happiness is within your reach.

IRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Be yourself today and you accomplish a great deal. Eliminate a bad habit and ess will bang on your door. IBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You are able to gain per-

al aims easily today, so be sure you know exactly what you want. Strive for happiness. CORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You can easily gain the

port you desire from a higher-up. Handling a civic ter wisely brings fine results. AGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) There are many

a to advance now, so waste little time. New associates be most helpful. Show appreciation. APRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Come to the right

sions where monetary matters are concerned. If in bt, consult an expert.

QUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Making new argements with an associate will lead to greater benefits happiness in the future.

ISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) If you improve your imliate surroundings, you can then tackle your job with vigor and get far better results.

? YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will tire a good education to bring out the wonderful nts in this chart. There could be a great genius here. as sure to encourage your progeny and to compliment good work accomplished.

The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make our life is largely up to you!

Liverpool favourite for League

LONDON, Aug. 26 (R) — English soccer champions Aston Villa could have hardly wished for a more gentle work-out when they set off in defence of the League title against newly-promoted Notts County at home on Satur-

But during the course of their subsequent 41 matches Villa may well find that reaching the pinnacle is one thing, staying there is

something completely different.
The young Villa side took everyone by surprise last season and perennial challengers Liverpool, Nottingham Forest and Ipswich will all be wiser in 1981-

It could be one of the most open League title races for years. The experimental format of three points for a win may encourage more attacking play and attractive sides such as Tottenham, Southampton, Manchester United and Leeds will welcome the change.

Liverpool, who kick-off at Wolverhampton, begin the campaign as favourites, a tag they have become accustomed to carrying into every competition they enter.

By their own standards Liverpool, champions four times in the past six years, suffered a lean time last season.

Their fans were placated by a third European Cup triumph and by the sight of the League Cup resting in the crowded Anfield display cabinet.

But Liverpool manager Bob Paisley was not content with that accumulation of silverware and has speculated two million sterling on improvements to his squad.

Zimbabwean Zimbabwean goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar was signed from Vancouver Whitecaps, Irish international Mark Lawrenson was plucked from unfashionable Brighton and South-African born Craig Johnston joined the club from Middlesbrough.

London's bookmakers, impressed by Paisley's acquisitions, have made Liverpool 11-4 favourites for the League title with UEFA Cup winners Ipswich at

Villa are on offer at 7-1 while one million sterling Justin Fashanu's arrival has shortened Forest's odds to 9-1.

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Skilled technique can sometimes be like magic-it makes defenders' tricks disappear as if into thin air. This hand is from a recent. national championship. East took advantage of the

vulnerability to preempt with three hearts—in tournament play the requirements for preempts are relaxed: after all, you can't lose money! South's hand was by no means ideal for an overcail, but a pass ran an even bigger risk-his partner might not be able to compete because of shortness in spades. North had ample for

his raise to game.

Declarer won the opening diamond lead with the ace and made the normal play of leading a spade to the jack. East won the queen and forced declarer with a diamond. A spade to the ace revealed the unfortunate distribution. and prospects were bleak - it seemed that declarer would have to lose a second trump trick in addition to two heart losers.

After studying the position, declarer saw a way to telescope two of his losers into one if he found a lucky distribution in the minor suits. Declarer ruffed a diamond and, when both defenders followed, West's hand was an open book: four spades (known), four diamonds (judging from the opening lead), one heart probably a high honor) and, therefore, four clubs.

Now the hand became a simple double dummy problem. Declarer cashed the king of spades, discarding a, heart from dummy, crussed to the king of clubs and ruffed a diamond with his last trump. Next came the ace and a low club. When West followed to the third club, declarer finessed the ten. That succeeded, as declarer was sure it would, so the queen of clubs became declarer's tenth trick. On the last two tricks the defenders had to play the ace and king of hearts and the only remaining trump in the game.

East German cyclists revenge win over USSR

PRAGUE, Aug. 26 (R) — East Germany today scored a runaway revenge win over the Soviet Union in the men's amateur 100 kms time trial, opening event of the World Amateur Cycling Champ-

The powerful quartet of Falk Boden, Bernd Drogan, Mario Kummer and Olaf Ludwig took the gold medal when they crushed the Olympic champions and firm favourites by almost three minutes. Host nation Czechoslovakia made sure the medals remained in Eastern Europe by taking the bronze.

The East Germans star led their rivals by introducing an unorthodox bicycle at the Moscow Games last year and they produced similar modified machinery for this street test in the suburbs of

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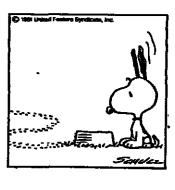
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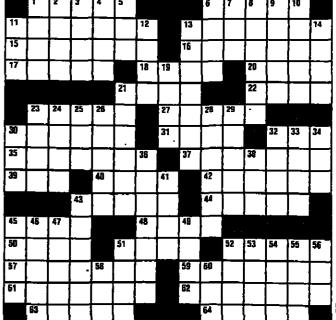
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Answer: What some gentlemen get from ladies—"IDEALS"

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Britain worried over Angola: dos Santos appeals to Castro

LISBON, Aug. 26 (A.P.) — Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos reported today new air and land attacks on Angola by South African military forces from neighbouring Namibia, the Angolan news agency ANGOP said.

Mr. dos Santos also called for solidarity from Cuban President Fidel Castro, head of the movement of Non-aligned countries, and Daniel arap Moi, president of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).'

Angola asked the United Nations vesterday to intervene after reporting two South African armoured columns had thrust 100-150 kilometres into southern Angolan and had engage in fierce Sighting with defending Angolan

The Angolan president

by racist military forces of Preleaders as giving locations for the new South African attacks.

The Angola Defence Ministry yesterday ordered all its armed forces mibilized in 48 hours.

ambassador to Britain, Marais Steyn, was summoned to the British Foreign Office today and told his country's troops must be removed from southern Angola at once, the Foreign Office said.

S. African police arrest squatters in churchyard

CAPE TOWN, Aug. 26 (A.P.) — Police raided a churchyard before dawn today and detained more than 600 black squatters who were sleeping there, in another confrontation between South Africa's white-minority government and

Catholic Church said police scaled a two-metre-high fence about 4 a.m. and an uproar followed as squatters -- men, women and children - were swiftly put into trucks and driven away.

Deported

A week ago, police raided a squatter camp near the church in

France attempted to coordinate

in squatter settlements around permits to be in areas set aside for

the squatters undercut blacks who do have residence or work permits by competing with them for jobs. Many blacks in squatter camps

and violation of land and air space toria." the South African capital. early today, ANGOP said. The agency did not report the Angolan

In London, South Africa's

cannot find work in their home

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areas. Others are husband or wives who lack permits but do not want to be separated from spouses blacks seeking jobs and housing. Visitors to Holy Cross Roman

the black townships of Nyanga outside Cape Town, and detained between 1,000 and 2,000 blacks. Most were reportedly deported to Transkel, a rural black homeland.

Western diplomatic complaints against the action but the protest failed when the United States, Britain and West Germany declined Tens of thousands of blacks live

South African cities. They violate race-separation laws requiring whites or persons of mixed race. The government contends that

who have city jobs. Piet Koornhof, minister of cooperation and development, said on television Sunday the government was studying the pos-sibility of allowing limited squatting. He said one such project was already underway, an apparent reference to the crossroads camp outside Cape Town, where thousands of blacks have lived for

Ian Smith fears Marxist dictatorship in future

SALISBURY, Aug. 26 (A.P.) — Former Rhodesian prime minister Ian Smith today expressed fears that Zimbabwe is "slipping into" a Markist one-party dictatorship.

Mr. Smith, 63, interviewed by Washington-based NBC broadcaster John McLaughlin, said most of the 200,000 whites and many of the 7 million blacks would oppose efforts to impose a oneparty state.

"We seem to be slipping into the communist camp," said the head of the Republican Party, which holds all 20 of the reserved white seats in the 100-member executive national assembly.

French diplomat in Beirut robbed of car for 2nd time

BEIRUT, Aug. 26 (A.P.) — Four gunmen ambushed French diplomat Claude Jacquemain and drove off with his car in the second such incident involving the same diplomat this year, an embassy

Mr. Jacquemain, a counselor at the French embassy in Beirut, was driving to the embassy yesterday morning in mostly Muslim west Beirut when four men in a car blocked his way. Two of the armed men then got into the diplomat's car and forced him to drive a short distance before they threw him out, and drove off in his car, embassy press secretary Andre Janier said.

Mr. Jacquemain had lost another car with diplomatic license plates to unidentified gunmen last January as he was driving back from Beirut airport. The car was never retrieved for the thieves dis-

Several diplomats have lost their cars to thieves in Beirut. Last Saturday the second secretary of the West German embassy was robbed of his car in broad daylight.

The Foreign Office said it could southern Angola were grossly not supply precise details of the exaggerated, the South African fighting, "but it is evident that military activities have escalated in the last two days and that there has been a substantial South African incursion into Angola." Pretoria denies

In Cape Town, Prime Minister P.W. Botha said today reports of a

South African military invasion of

The news agency said Mr. Botha told the house of aseembly here that South African forces had engaged Angolan forces but that accounts of a full-scale invasion were exaggerated. He said the

reports misrepresented the actual

Press association reported.

Voyager II faces trouble

PASADENA, California, Aug. 26 (A.P.) — Mechanical trouble aboard Voyager II, perhaps caused by a collision with particles of ice from Saturn's rings, interrupted the flow of stunning and revealing photographs from the planet today, but the mission is considered a

high-percentage success." A platform carrying Voyager's cameras apparently got stuck, limiting their aim, and project controllers could not fully analyse the probelms until they receive crucial tape recording at mid-morning, a

Scientists had said that passing through Saturn's rings posed a danger of collision for Voyager with ring particles. Whether Voyager did indeed collide with ring particles had yet to be determined.

He said scientists hoped to learn from the tape recording made when Voyager II was behind Saturn the extent of the platform problem and also whether it occurred before "some crucial pictures" were taken. As it raced away from Saturn today, the one-ton robot explorer began a five-year journey to distant Uranus, a world never

Soviet-Afghan forces fight fierce battle for Panjshir

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 26 (A.P.) — Soviet force is bogged down. At Western diplomatic sources today corroborated Afghan accounts of heavy fighting north of Kabul, the Afghan capital, but said the outcome still was unclear.

"At best, the joint Afghan-

Mr. Smith, in a wide-ranging

interview with the national broad-

casting company commentator,

declared some of Prime Minister

Mugabe's cabinet ministers were

Marxists while the prime minister

himself was "giving the impre-

ssion of steering a middle course."

The fate of the country, inde-

pendent from Britain since April

17 last year, would depend on

whether he can control those

ples of what he called "the drift

toward a one-party state." They

included Mr. Mugabe's own repe-

ated statements that he would

seek electroal approval for the

imposition of a one-party state, partial state control of the press

aid full state control of radio and

television, the prime minister's

call to schoolchildren to join the

ruling Zimbabwe African

National Union (Patriotic Front) and the use by the country's lead-

Mr. Smith said that he was

"impressed" by the number of

blacks who had approached him

expressing their opposition to a

one-party political system.

else it would be used for."

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ers of the epithet "comrade."

around him," Mr. Smith said.

worst it is in serious difficult," said one of the sources who declined to be identified by name or nation-The assault apparently was

aimed at wresting control of the Panjshir Valley away from Afghan guerrillas who have controlled the area of Parwan Province for some 18 months, they said.

Heavy losses

One of two reports cited said fighting centre on the town of Guibahar, about 65 kilometres north of Kabul, and near the mouth of the strategic valley between Aug. 15-20. It said Afghan-Soviet force suffered heavy losses of men and equip-

Two helicopters reportedly were downed in Panjshir and the bodies of Afghan priests discovered in the wreckage, one diplomatic source said. There was speculation they might have been collaborating with the Kabul regime by pointing out insurgent strongholds, he added.

Fruit flies found in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 26 (R) — Mediterranean fruit fly has been found in the Los Angeles area, 480 kilometres south of the previous known infestation of the crop-destroying insect, an agricultural official reported.

He said five of the flies were found last night in a trap in a private garden.

But he expressed fears that a 5,000-man special armour-Mediterranean fruit flies, which backed military brigade being lay eggs under the skins of fruit raised in the eastern highlands and vegetables and make the promight be used to enforce a oneduce mushy, are threatening the 14-billion-dollar-a-year Califor-Echoing similar fears expressed nia agriculture industry.

on Monday by Mr. Mugabe's Some 6,210 square kilometres junior coalition government of northern California have been partner, Joshua Nkomo, Mr. placed in quarantine and are being Smith said: "I don't know what sprayed with insecticide.

Firyubin clears no new ground with hosts

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 26 (R) — Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Nikolai Firyubin has heard little during his visit to Pakistan to raise Moscow's hopes for a softening of the Pakistani position on Afghanistan, diplomatic sources said today.

Mr. Firyubin is the first senior Soviet official to visit this country since Moscow's December 1979 intervention in neighbouring Afghanistan, condemned by Pakistan.

Today he was completing his talks with Pakistani leaders before returning to Moscow tomorrow after a three-day visit. His schedule has included meetings with President Mohammad Zia-Ul-Haq and Foreign Minister Agha Shahi.

At a luncheon for Mr. Firyubin

yesterday, Mr. Shahi said in a speech Pakistan had no and would not compromise on its principles.

The Pakistan government has publicly kept silent on a new Afghan offer of talks to normalise relations, announcement of wheih coincided with Mr. Firyubin's visit. But official sources said the Afghan proposals still did not satisfy Pakistan.

The sources said Afghanistan's insistence that there could be no negotiation about the status of President Babrak Karmal's Soviet-backed administration contradicted one of Pakistan's main conditions for talks.

Pakistan refuses to recognise the Karmal government and has said it will talk with Mr. Karmal only in his role as head of a political party.

Solidarity threatens strike to gain access to media

WARSAW, Aug. 26 (R) — The Solidarity free trade union today threatened a six-day printers strike in a stepped-up campaign for free access to Poland's communist-controlled mass

Leaders of the 10million-strong union said the battle for a fair hearing in the press had become a matter of urgency with Solidarity's first national congress beginning on Sept. 5.

Solidarity's press chiefs are due to discuss television coverage of the congress with the government tomorrow, the union said. It has demanded editorial control over congress reporting.

A spokesman at Solidarity headquarters in Gdansk said the union's national executive would call printers out on strike again for six days if there was no breakthrough. The printers struck for two days last week, but those in the northern city of Olsztynm are still on strike.

Polish journalists, meanwhile, signed a statement criticising government handling of the press. Zycie Warszawy published a

letter from three journalists attacking the army newspaper Zolnierz Wolnosci for publishing an inaccurate story about Sol-

The army daily said Solidarity radicals in Gdansk had called for the removal of a Soviet-built tank which stands on the Westerplatte peninsula as monument to the Poiish soldiers who recaptured Gdansk and Gdynia in 1945.

The report provoked a series of stern attacks on Solidarity but the union in fact only sought to have the tank moved to another spot so that a cross, which once stood there in honour of the soldiers who died there of World War II,

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

More decapitated bodies in San Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, Aug. 26 (R) - Twelve desapitated bodies has been discovered on a road west of San Salvador, raising to at least 50 the number of people reported beheaded in the past week in El Salvador's undeclared civil war, a police spokesman said. He said the bodies and heads were strewn on the highway, 67 kilometres west of here. The spokesman said none of the bodies had bullet wounds, indicating the victims were killed during the curiew hours to prevent unnecessary noise. Thirty-eight decapitated bodies have already been found on the same med. The spokesman said the 12 bodies discovered today brought to 60 the number of people killed in the past 24 hours in various parts of the country. Authorities could not explain the hacking off of heads, a previously rare occurrence in the violence.

Western missions in Kabul rapped

NEW DELHI, Aug. 26 (A.P.) — Deputy Premier Abdul Majid Sarburland of Afghanistan has accused Western diplomatic missions of "organised and coordinated propaganda" against his nation, the United News of India has reported. Mr. Saburland told reporters in Kabul that the American, British and West German embassies were particularly active in the propaganda. "Stories put out in (New) Delhi and attributed to diplomatic sources were often their handiwork," the Afghan leader declared. Western missions hold briefings requested by foreign journalists in the Indian capital to get embassy reports from Kabul. Under the rules of these briefings, names and nationalities of the sources cannot be reported. Foreign reporters are barred from Afghanistan but UNI correspondent Surendra Kumar, who is based in Moscow, is an Indian national and apparently made it to Kabul with a group of Soviet bloc newsmen.

Spanish Socialists accuse government

MADRID, Aug. 26 (R) — Spain's opposition Socialist Party has accused the government of giving a falsely low death count in the four-month-old toxic cooking oil scandal. In a statement, the Socialists said there were 108 dead from the oil, not 100 as the health ministry told the press last Friday. It said the health ministry's own weekly publication put the July death count at 92, not 84, as the ministry's press office told reporters and therefore the current count was 108. The statement demanded an explanation as to why the government was keeping what it called the true count to itself. A health ministry spokesman has said there was no attempt to hide anything but that there could well have been an error in daily death tolls. "We establish daily counts based on information gathered from the different hospitals and there could have been an error," he said. He would not comment on the whether the death count was above 100.

THE Weekend Crossword

(formerly The New York Herald Tribune Crossword)

LETTERS OF REFERENCE By L Judah Koolyk

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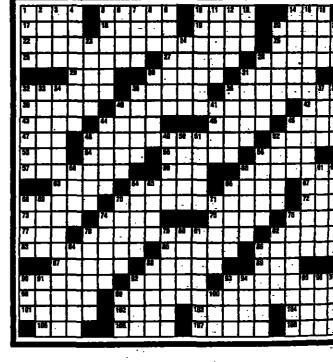
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Last Week's Cryptograms

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ngola -- waiting for Cubans to act? By Harvey Morris LONDON, Aug. 26 (R) — Reports from Angola of a new incursion by South African troops indicate a major operation to hit guerrilla

African forces and Cuban troops stationed in Angola for the past five Advance warning of a major operation was given earlier this month by the South African commander in Namibia (South West

bases of the South West African People's Organisation (SWAPO).

alleges is planned, it could lead to a direct clash between South

If the operation reaches the proportions of an invasion, as Angola

Africa), Gen. Charles Lloyd. Warning Angola and its Cuban allies, Gen. Lloyd said:"...if FAPLA (Angolan government) forces, along with Cubans, begin to protect SWAPO, we will unavoidably have to cross swords." South Africa appears to have both military and political motives

for wanting to step up its pressure on Angola. Until now South African jets have ranged freely across the frontier of the South African-administered territory to strike at targets deep inside Angola.

The sources said the deployment of Soviet-made SAM-3 and SAM-6 ground-to-air missiles in southern Angola could force a change in South African tactics.

The sources also alleged the Cubans were building a well-equipped armoured base near Lubango, 200 kilometres north of the border and a previous target of South African raids. South African sources said they believed up to 10,000 Cubans

were concentrating in the south, having previously kept well away from the sensitive border area. Cuban troops began arriving in Angola towards the end of 1975 to help Luanda's Marxist regime, newly independent from Portugal, fight off a South African invasion force and end a civil war against pro-Western guerrillas.

The remnants of one such guerrilla organisation, Jonas Savimbi's UNITA, still receives South African backing but controls little or no territory, according to recent Western press reports.

Five Western countries, headed by the United States, are working urgently on a compromise formula for Namibian independence. In the meantime South Africa has a political interest in weakening SWAPO, against whose guerrilla forces it has waged a 15-year bush

The United Nations considers SWAPO the sole and authentic representative of the Namibian people, a standpoint that has brought South African charges of bias on the part of the world body. South Africa was widely held responsible for the failure of a

multi-party independence conference in Geneva in January that was to have approved a western peace plan based on a U.N.-sponsored ceasefire, free elevations and the withdrawal of Pretoria's forces. South Africa backs Namibia's internal political parties, which include representatives of the 12 per cent white minority whose security pretoria wants guaranteed in a final independence set-

Angola has charged that South African planes have bombed refugee camps, causing high civilian. casualties Pretoria maintains that its only targets are SWAPO guerrilla bases.

The South Africans claim to have killed 800 guerrillas so far this year, many of them inside Angola. South African military sources said this represented one-quarter of SWAPO's fighting force.

The five Western nations working for a peaceful settlement have meanwhile been trying to allay South Africa's s fears that a SWAPO' takeover in Namibia would threaten white and minority rights. The urgency with which the five - the United States, Britain. Canada, France and West Germany -- are pressing ahead with their diplomatic effort reflects their concern at the rising tension on the border and fears that it could lead to all-out war.

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